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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: 4 June 1964 Meeting with J. RAUS

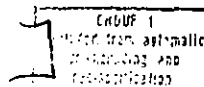
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1. The meeting with RAUS, scheduled at his request, occurred on 4 June 1964 from about 1110 to 1225 hours in a small DC cafe over lunch and refreshments.

2. The following was discussed:

- a. RAUS asked for the meeting in order to discuss the items indicated below prior to his going on AD for two weeks on 13 June 1964. (He will go on AD with his 15 man MI Detachment to Ft. Meade, Md., as commander of the unit.)
- b. RAUS reported that the Canadian Estonian-language newspapers have printed one or several articles about the suspicions that HEINE is a Soviet agent by virtue of the fact that a member of the Canadian Estonian National Committee brought this up for discussion during a Committee meeting. H. PARIOMA, Committee Chairman, assured the Committee members that he is aware of these suspicions about HEINE and that HEINE has "undertaken action to clear his name of the suspicions". According to RAUS, PARIOMA is a pragmatist who does not wish to get involved and who is simply fielding the problem in this fashion.
- c. During the recent Estonian Festival in Toronto, H. GRABBI met with E. HEINE and with A. VIIRLAID. With VIIRLAID, GRABBI discussed the item of HEINE's letter to GRABBI in which HEINE had urged GRABBI to tone RAUS down and to instruct RAUS to stop his denunciations of HEINE lest HEINE take legal action against RAUS. According to what GRABBI states he told VIIRLAID, GRABBI told VIIRLAID that HEINE should be cautious and beware inasmuch as RAUS is not the source of the information but that responsible US government elements are responsible for the derogatory information about HEINE. GRABBI related that he also had had a brief 15-minute conversation with HEINE. HEINE indicated that he would be returning to the USA in the near future for unspecified activities. Either through HEINE, or otherwise, GRABBI learned that the lawyer in Baltimore whom HEINE consulted is (fnu) ZAHARSKI. ZAHARSKI, who is married to a sister of V. VASKA, is actually a corporation lawyer; as was reported earlier, he declined to take HEINE's case. RAUS and others now have concluded

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that HEINE was less than serious in using ZAHARSKI to press libel suit action against RAUS as this is not ZAHARSKI's forte; rather, they concluded that HEINE intentionally used ZAHARSKI knowing that ZAHARSKI's wife, nee VASKA, and the wife's brother, V. VASKA, are close associates of H. GRABBI who would be certain to pass this information on to RAUS, i.e. in order to shut RAUS up by going through the motions of ostensibly filing a libel suit. E. KEERD, HEINE's mouthpiece in the USA, was the person who selected ZAHARSKI.

- d. GRABBI learned that E. KEERD was the House guest in the HEINE home during the Toronto festival. Likewise, it was established that HEINE turned down the contents of a newspaper, or pamphlet, which KEERD has conceived to print to compete with the LEL organization. Interestingly, the contents were anti-RAUS and HEINE elected to turn this down.
- e. GRABBI further asked HEINE whether HEINE actually intended to press a libel suit against RAUS. While HEINE insisted that he did, HEINE refused to be pinned down as to how or when he would do so and seemed anxious to drop the topic.
- f. The impression has been gained that HEINE is less than happy with KEERD as KEERD, in pressing the case against RAUS, is actually repeatedly calling attention to the accusation made by RAUS that HEINE is a Soviet agent which HEINE would rather soft-pedal and forget.
- g. PRUUL, the recent defector from the USSR who is now living and working on a chicken farm near Lakewood, has recently made various overtures to become active in the LEL and other Estonian political activities.
- h. RAUS asked that, if possible, an attempt be made to run a BDC check on E. KEERD.

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